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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army** 

Board of Visitors for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security

Cooperation Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Board of Visitors for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC). This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Board of Visitors will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Bradley Hall, 7301 Baltzell Avenue, Building 396, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Procell, Alternate Designated Federal Officer for the Committee, by e-mail at richard.d.procell2.civ@army.mil, or by telephone at (913) 684-2963.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), 41 CFR 102-3.140(c), and 41 CFR 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The Board of Visitors for the Western

Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation is a non-discretionary Federal

Advisory Committee chartered to provide the Secretary of Defense, through the

Secretary of the Army, independent advice and recommendations on matters

pertaining to the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, and academic methods of the institute; other matters relating to the institute that the board decides to consider; and other items that the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate. The board reviews curriculum to determine whether it adheres to current U.S. doctrine, complies with applicable U.S. laws and regulations, and is consistent with U.S. policy goals toward Latin America and the Caribbean. The board also determines whether the instruction under the curriculum of the institute appropriately emphasizes human rights, the rule of law, due process, civilian control of the military, and the role of the military in a democratic society. The Secretary of Defense may act on the committee's advice and recommendations.

Agenda: Status briefing from the institute's commandant; updates from the Department of State, U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command; a public comments period; and presentation of other information appropriate to the board's interests.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. A 30-minute period between 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. will be available for verbal public comments. Seating is on a first to arrive basis. Attendees are requested to submit their name, affiliation, and daytime phone number seven business days prior to the meeting to Mr. Procell, via electronic mail at the address listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section. Because the meeting of the committee will be held in a Federal Government facility on a military base, security screening is required. A photo ID is required to enter the base. Please note that security and gate guards have the right to inspect vehicles and persons seeking to enter and

exit the installation. Bradley Hall is fully handicap accessible. Wheelchair access is available in front at the main entrance of the building. For additional information about public access procedures, contact Mr. Procell at the email address or telephone number listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section.

Written Comments and Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the committee, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or regarding the committee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Procell via electronic mail at the address listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received at least five business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the committee. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written comments or statements with the committee chairperson, and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the committee before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date will be filed and presented to the committee during its next meeting.

James W. Satterwhite, Jr.,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.